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Title: Need for take over of the Dunlop Rubber Factory at Hoogly, West Bengal by the Government of India. .

SHRI SANTASRI CHATTERJEE (SERAMPORE): A very serious situation has arisen due to suspension of work at the Dunlop Rubber Factory situated in the district of Hooghly, West Bengal rendering thousands of workers jobless. Founded in the year 1936 this factory is one of the oldest rubber manufacturing units of the country. It supplies aero tyres to the defence department. Moreover it has got the expertise of production of tyres for two-wheelers and for military vehicles. Moreover before the new management purchased this factory the Government of India owned 30% shares through LIC and Banks. There is a high demand in the international and national market of its products like high pressure wheel and steel chord.

The workers of Dunlop who have sacrificed a lot for the smooth running of this unit are in great distress due to the policy of the present management.

If it is properly run by efficient management Dunlop has got very high potential in the national and international market. In view of its importance particularly to fulfill the need of the defence department, it would be in the fitness of things if the Dunlop unit of Hooghly is taken over by the Government of India at the earliest.